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SUBJECT: VN RADIO AND PRESS CRITICIZE US FOREIGN POLICY

1. SAIGON NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE VOICING CRITICISM OF US FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD INDOCHINA. ON APRIL 2 CHINH LUAN (CONSTRUCTIVE OPPOSITION) EDITORIALIZED THAT: "BY DECIDING TO PULL DOWN THE SYMBOL (LON NOL) IT ERECTED ITSELF, THE US HAD ADMITTED FAILURE. BUT US LOSSES IN MONEY AND IN HONOR ARE TRIVIAL, WHILE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE SUFFER HISTORIC TRAGEDY; SPENDING ONE TENTH OF ITS POPULATION IN EXCHANGE FOR A COMMUNIST REGIME."

2. ON SAME DAY, DOC LAP (INDEPENDENT) RAN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "TRAGEDY" IN WHICH PRESIDENT FORD WAS CRITICIZED FOR ISSUING STATEMENTS THAT ARE "HARD TO THE EAR AND BITTER TO THE TONGUE." ATTRIBUTING TO PRESIDENT FORD COMMENT THAT HE CONSIDERED SITUATION IN DANANG "A SAD TRAGEDY," ARTICLE STATED THAT: "SADNESS DOES NOT IVITE ONE TO SPEAK MUCH. BUT PRESIDENT  
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FORD SPEAKS ALL THE TIME, AND THIS PROVES THAT HE IS NOT VERY

SAD. DOC LAP CONCLUDED THAT: THE HOUSE OF ANNAM IS ON FIRE,  
BUT THE AMERICAN ALLIES STILL REMAIN INDIFFERENT."

3. IN APRIL 4 EDITORIAL, DOC LAP CHARGED THAT: "US IS  
PRESENTLY COMPLETELY POWERLESS. IT WILL NOT INTERVENE  
MILITARILY EITHER IN VN OR ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, FOR NOT  
ONLY THE US CONGRESS, BUT THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, TOO ARE  
OPPOSED TO SUCH ACTION." CLAIMING THAT "US DIPLOMATIC FORCE  
IN THE WORLD IS NOT LONGER POWERFUL" EDITORIAL DECLARES THAT:  
"DIVISION CREATED BY THE INDOCHINA WAR AND THE WATERGATE  
AFFAIR, CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE US CONGRESS AND TH US EXECUTIVE,  
AND FINALLY ECONOMIC RECESSION HAVE CAUSED US FOREIGN POLICY  
TO GRADUALLY COLLAPSE." ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT: "IT IS  
REALLY HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THE US, IN ITS PRESENT WEAK  
POSITION, CAN TAKE STRONG AND EFFECTIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTION  
TO BLOCK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SVN.

4. ON APRIL 7 DOC LAP SPECULATED THAT IT WOULD BE "HARD FOR  
FORD ADMINISTRATION TO DO ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT IN INDOCHINA--  
UNLESS SOME SPECTACULAR DEVELOPMENT ERUPTS AT THE LAST MINUTE."

5. ALL NEWSPAPERS GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT  
THIEU'S APRIL 4 ADDRESS TO NATION AND MANY PAPERS USED  
PROMINENT SUBHEADINGS TO HIGHLIGHT PRESIDENT'S REMARK THAT  
"US WAS NOT KEEPING ITS PROMISE TOWARD VIETNAM."  
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